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# **Entity: Five County Association of Governments**

**Body: Steering Committee** 

Subject:

Administrative Procedure

**Notice Title:** 

2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Update for Public Comment and Public

**Hearing Notice** 

**Meeting Location:** 

30 W. Airport Dr.

Kanab 84741

**Event Date & Time:** 

February 13, 2019

February 13, 2019 01:30 PM

Description/Agenda:

2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan

Update, Draft Available for Public Comment and Public Hearing

Notice

The Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) has completed a draft update of the Five County 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. A thirty-day public comment period commences on February 01, 2019, and will end March 02, 2019. The Plan details this Region's community development and housing needs and priorities, as well as strategies to meet those needs and priorities.

Anyone desiring to review the draft updated plan may do so at the FCAOG office located at 1070 W. 1600 S., Bldg. B, St. George, UT, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or on the web at http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/consolidated.php

A public hearing on the 2019 Consolidated Annual Action Plan document will be held in conjunction with the FCAOG Steering Committee meeting which begins at 1:30 PM on February 13, 2019 at the Kane County Emergency Services Training Facility/Search & Rescue Building, in the upstairs Training Room, 30 West, Airport Drive, Kanab, UT 84741.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Nathan Wiberg, Associate Planner 435-673-3548, ext. 105

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# Five County Association of Governments



Consolidated Plan -One Year Action Plan



July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

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# **Executive Summary (AP-05)**

#### Outreach

Consultation – Five County Association of Governments (AOG) staff has worked with and continues to work with many different agencies and municipalities throughout the region to gain a better understanding of the housing and community development priorities of this region. Collaborating regular with AOG committees and local agencies has helped align this plan with the CPD block grant programs administered by Five County AOG. Local jurisdictions, housing authorities, the Five County Steering Committee, and the Five County Human Services Council are several of the agencies and committees that are consulted with.

Citizen Participation – Citizens are able to participate in the Annual Action Plan in a variety of way. The AOG notices and holds a 30-day public comment period annually, as well as a public hearing. The association conducts a needs assessment, which includes public surveys, public forums, and outreach to from community-based, faith-based, private, public, and education sectors. The public is also able to indirectly provide input for the Annual Action Plan by attending steering committee meetings, attending CDBG public hearings, and commenting to their community leaders about the CDBG program throughout the year.

#### **Expected Resources**

Five County Association of Governments anticipates to receive approximately \$813,000 in CDBG funds and \$49,000 in ESG funds for the 2019 program year. The Five County AOG has utilizes the Rating and Ranking to incentivize CDBG applicants to leverage funds with other sources.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

Five County AOG has a goal to assist 1,642 persons and 14 households in the rural parts of southwest Utah with CDBG funds. The goal for the Association is to assist seven households with ESG funds.

**Affordable Housing** – The one year goal is for CDBG is to support 16 households with housing affordability with CDBG and seven with ESG.

#### **Allocation Priorities**

The Five County Association of Governments utilizes a comprehensive and objective rating & ranking matrix to determine the priority for funding of all applications for CDBG. The criteria is approved by the local elected officials functioning as the Rating & Ranking Committee (RRC). The projects in 2019 will be evaluated utilizing the matrix and recommendations for funding that were presented to the Rating & Ranking Committee for prioritization. Projects rated and ranked successfully will be funded.

#### **Public Housing**

Beaver City Housing Authority, and Cedar City Housing Authority are the two housing authorities operating within the non-entitlement areas of the Five County Region. Beaver Housing Authority is the only one of the two that administers Public Housing. AOG staff coordinates with local housing authorities through frequent visits, interviews, and referral of clients. Both housing authorities regularly use CDBG funds to address affordable housing needs within their respective jurisdictions. Beaver Housing Authority's assistance is targeted to families at or below 30% AMI. To date, the Housing Authority provides 18 public housing units, 12 Rural Development Farm Worker housing units, 34 single-family CROWN homes, 19 Section 8 vouchers, and 44 other housing authority owned units. The Housing

Authority indicates that more affordable housing and larger families are especially in need of Section 8 vouchers.

#### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

Five County AOG is assisting communities in identifying barriers to affordable housing within their respective communities, and set appropriate goals to mitigate barriers to affordable housing. The AOG provides planning assistance to communities, and can makes recommendation or suggestion for housing affordability, but does not have regulatory authority within each incorporated entity to make decisions for them.

#### **Other Actions**

The Association will continue to encourage communities in the region to plan for, and provide appropriate affordable housing options. The AOG will continue to work with the communities and agencies within the area to gaps in services and work with them to address those needs.

#### **Public Comments**

The Association of Governments have received very few public comments over the past few years in regards to the Consolidated Plan or the update of Annual Action Plan. During the 30-day comment period and the public hearing for 2019 Annual Action Plan there were xxxxxx Comments, which stated xxxxxx. Appropriate changes were made within xxxxxxxx sections.

#### **Past Performances**

A wide range of eligible CDBG projects have successfully been accomplished between 1982 and 2018, each of the five southwestern Utah counties received a significant amount of Community Development Block Grant funding for community development projects designed to improve living conditions, primarily for those who are of low-to-moderate income. The total funding allocation over the past 36 years for the five counties is \$21,298,288. The graphic on the next page displays the total funding allocation for CDBG funds for entities in each of the Five Counties for this time period. This amount does not include allocations of CDBG funds for regional projects and funding that came directly to the AOG.

